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Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—" May I ask whether the nature of the constitution of the Committee is not responsible for such books being prescribed?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT:—" That is too far-fetched a supplementary question."

Text-books for non-detailed study in Indian languages for the S.S.L.C. Examination, 1934, and the T.S.L.C. Examination, 1935.

* 177 *Q.*—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the recommendations of the Advisory Committees for text-books for non-detailed study in Indian languages for the S.S.L.C. Public Examination of 1934, and the T.S.L.C. Examination of 1935 have been received and, if so, when they were received for each of the languages;

(*b*) whether they have been approved by the Director of Public Instruction and the necessary intimation sent to the publishers; if so, when; and

(*c*) if the answer to clause (*b*) is in the negative, the reasons for the delay in sending the necessary intimation to the publishers concerned?

A.—(*a*) Yes. The statement[a] appended shows the dates on which they were received.

(*b*) & (*c*) All the books except one in Tamil have been approved by the Director. The dates on which intimation was sent to the publishers are shown in the statement referred to in the answer to clause (*a*). The Tamil publication referred to above was not approved as its prescription would be a violation of the practice according to which a book is not accepted unless five years have elapsed since a book written by the same author was last prescribed.

Constant changes in the text-books for lower classes and forms.

* 178 *Q.*—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any rule of the Education Department requiring the managements of schools, public and private, to change the text-books for the lower classes and forms from year to year;

(*b*) if so, when the rule was made and what the reason is for the rule;

(*c*) if not, why in almost all Government schools all text-books are changed from year to year for all the lower classes and high school forms;

[a] Printed as Appendix II on page 238 infra.